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# **Panther Sports News**

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## ATHLETIC HALL OF FAMERS HONORED

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CHARLESTON, IL.--Eight Eastern Illinois University athletic dignitaries will be the sixth group inducted into the EIU Hall of Fame Saturday (Sept. 19).

These eight will join 45 previous athletes, coaches and friends who have been inducted.

Those joining this exclusive group are J.D. Anderson, Jimmie Lewis Franklin, Jeff Gossett, Rev. Jim Hutton, Don Johnson, Ted Petersen, Helen Riley and Myron 'Jim' Tedrick.

Selected by an EIU Lettermen's Club committee, they will be inducted at the Panthers home opener on Saturday night (Sept. 19). Game time is 6:30 p.m.

A 10:30 a.m. brunch will be held that day officially citing the honored guests for their accomplishments, and then each or a representative will be introduced during halftime ceremonies of the EIU-Illinois State game.

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track as a weightman. Originally from Charleston, he holds a bachelors and masters in theology in addition to his bachelors in education from EIU.

JOHNSON, a 1949 graduate, lettered three years in football and was a unanimous all-conference pick as the team's leading scorer on the 1948 team which lost in the Corn Bowl. Lettering four times in track he once held the school record of 22.4 in the 220 dash. He retired from Carlsbad (CA) HS in 1985 after 36 years in the teaching profession. Johnson was the California High School Teacher of the Year in 1972.

PETERSEN is a former EIU football All-American who earned two Super Bowl rings as an offensive lineman with the Pittsburgh Steelers (1977-83). He lettered three years (1974-76) as a center with the Panthers earning AP First Team All-American honors in '76. He was drafted in the 4th round by Steelers (1977) which is still the earliest an EIU player has ever been picked. He is now part owner of a construction company near Pittsburgh.

RILEY, who is being honored posthumously, was a nationally known authority on field hockey and an EIU coach/administrator until her death in 1976. She coached field hockey, basketball and softball almost continuously until her appointment as Associate Director of Athletics for Women in 1974. The 1975 softball team reached the AIAW National Tournament and several field hockey teams were nationally ranked.

TEDRICK earned 11 letters in football, basketball, baseball and golf, graduating from EIU in 1937. He played all nine positions in baseball and was picked to Coach Charles 'Pop' Lantz's all-time team. Tedrick retired in 1975 as Clark County Superintendent of Schools after serving 38 years in the education profession.